

JACKSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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ORDINANCE NO. 03-17 and 04-17) TRANSCRIPT OF:
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING) PROCEEDINGS
CHAPTER 244 OF THE TOWNSHIP)
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF)
JACKSON, ENTITLED "LAND USE AND)
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS")
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Monday, March 16, 2017
95 West Veterans Highway
Jackson Township, New Jersey
7:30 p.m.

B E F O R E:

KENNETH J. BRESSI - Council President

ANN M. UPDEGRAVE - Council Vice President

BARRY CALOGERO - Council Member

SCOTT MARTIN - Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JEAN CIPRIANI, ESQ. - Council Attorney

MICHAEL REINA - Mayor

HELENE SCHLEGEL - Township Administrator

ANN MARIE EDEN - Township Clerk

1 again, it would really -- you're giving me examples.
2 I'm not trying to be evasive. It's gonna depend on
3 operations and how it's connected to an existing
4 operation in the examples that you're giving now.
5 But for the most part, if it falls within the
6 parameters of a school or commercial enterprise that
7 is not permitted in the residential zone, then it
8 would not be permitted. But that certainly is a
9 general statement.

10 **MR. FOX:** It just seems to me that --
11 I'm not real sure the purpose of what you're trying
12 to do with this ordinance, but it just seems to be
13 that it's anti-education, it's anti-religion, and
14 it's anti-arts as it relates to music and those kinds
15 of studies. I just think it's a little shortsighted.
16 It seems like you're shooting yourself in the foot to
17 solve a problem that is bigger than you.

18 You know, if the problem is to keep Jews
19 out of Jackson, then you need to --

20 **A COUNCIL MEMBER:** That is not
21 the purpose of this ordinance.

22 **COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRESSI:** Ms. Cipriani,
23 would you address that, please.

24 **MS. CIPRIANI:** Sir -- and this really
25 would go to anyone who comes to the microphone. This

1 I've been in this town for 26 years and
2 I've had a couple of houses here, and you gave me a
3 hard time about a pool, a shed, and everything I
4 tried to build at my house, and I -- and I abided by
5 it and I went with all your rules, and now you're
6 gonna start putting dormitories behind schools, and
7 we all know Lakewood.

8 Let me give you a for-instance here. I
9 had to go to the sleep center right on Route 9 right
10 off James Street, and I work in this town, and it
11 took me over an hour to get there, let alone get
12 back. That's what's gonna happen in this town if you
13 allow this crap to happen.

14 And like one of the residents here, I'm
15 tired of being called anti-Semitic, anti-Semite,
16 whatever you want to call me, because it's funny how
17 when we don't want to do what they want, we're still
18 anti-Semitic. When we want to do what we want, we're
19 still anti-Semitic. There's no word for opposite of
20 anti-Semitic, because I tried to look it up. We're
21 not the ones who are racist here, all right. These
22 people don't want to happen -- what has happened to
23 Lakewood happen here. It's insane there. It's
24 literally insane. That place can't handle what it
25 has now, and they're venturing off to us. Pretty

1 soon this farmland, this Jackson that was established
2 how long ago, is gonna look just like Lakewood. It
3 can't handle what's happening now. If you allow this
4 to happen now, it will go to not only schools, but
5 homes. We see it right now. Every home becomes a
6 temple, a school for the Jewish, and it's out of
7 control. We're not racists, we're not anti-Semitic,
8 we're anti-bullshit, all right. Thank you.

9 **MS. SHEEHAN:** Hello. My name is Polly,
10 P-o-l-l-y, Sheehan, S-h-e-e-h-a-n. I live at 177
11 North Cooks Bridge Road.

12 I've been in this town since 1987.
13 Since moving to this town, I have seen so much
14 development. I've seen the end of my road changed,
15 I've seen so much more traffic with all this
16 development. My children are not safe in my driveway
17 waiting for the bus. A few years ago, my 22-year-old
18 when she was in high school, almost got clipped in
19 our driveway from somebody speeding around the
20 corner. I shouldn't have to worry about that. But
21 enough of that.

22 We don't need any more development in
23 this town. We have plenty. We don't need any more.
24 There's like not enough woods for the animals. You
25 all complain about the deer in your yard and stuff.

1 that Jackson has. These are legitimate reasons to
2 move to a town.

3 Ari, you're not living in the town a
4 year, and you're accusing the town of Jackson and its
5 residents of targeting the Jewish population. It's
6 not very neighborly or friendly, and definitely not a
7 very good way to start making friends in your new
8 town.

9 I see it a little different, Ari. I see
10 the Jewish population as targeting Jackson, its
11 residents and neighboring communities. I don't see
12 you moving here for the reasons above. I see you
13 moving here to change or convert our towns to
14 accommodate the small Jewish population that is just
15 beginning to move into the towns adjacent to Lakewood
16 like Jackson, Manchester, Howell, Brick and Toms
17 River. I see the Jewish population forcing and
18 pushing their cultural and religious way of life on
19 Jackson, its residents and our neighbors the way it
20 has done in Lakewood for years.

21 The Jewish population has been moving
22 here for a year or two. They make up a very, very
23 small part of our population and yet you are speaking
24 openly that you do yeshiva, even a dormitory, which
25 you're now fighting for. You only hear the Jewish

1 do it 24/7, and I applaud them, as should every
2 American. We have the right to fight for our way of
3 life, and so we should, knowing the Jewish population
4 is not moving into our towns and communities to
5 better them, to respect them, or for the reasons
6 mentioned above. We like our way of life the way it
7 is. That is the reason we have chosen to live here
8 and move here. The way of life without imposing our
9 culture or religion on thy neighbor.

10 Chaim, you said we have a motive and you
11 are insulted. Not as insulted as I am. When you
12 make a statement about a town, you have to remember
13 it is the residents you refer to that make the town.
14 I hear the words "bias," "hate," "prejudice" and
15 "discrimination" being used by the Jewish population.
16 I am not biased, I don't discriminate, I am not
17 prejudiced and I don't hate. Call it what you will,
18 but it is the Jewish population that planted the
19 seeds of what is thought in the minds of those you
20 accuse.

21 Using the tactics the Jewish population
22 did to move into Jackson and surrounding towns didn't
23 make you many friends in these towns, I'm sure. If
24 some of these tactics used to move into Jackson and
25 surrounding neighborhoods weren't and would stop

1 that crap. Yes, we did. It's a nice scenic area.
2 We do not want to change this into another city,
3 okay, No. 1.

4 No. 2: The amount of bias crimes that
5 everybody is saying that we are committing, I'm
6 sorry, but your communities -- if we happened to step
7 in your communities, I'm surprised we're not shot on
8 site.

9 **COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRESSI:** No, just
10 address the council only, please.

11 **MR. CAPICOTTO:** So that's one thing.

12 Another thing is if we asked you out for
13 a beer, you'd look at us like we were nuts.

14 No. 3: This has nothing to do about
15 bias, racism, black, white, straight. Whatever it
16 is. It has nothing to do with that. It just has to
17 do with safety, the way our life is, and how we don't
18 want to change it. Thank you.

19 **MR. ROSS:** Good evening. My name is
20 Joel Ross, R-o-s-s. I live at 71 Brookwood Parkway.

21 My wife and I relocated to Jackson not
22 too long ago. Actually, in 2010 from Brooklyn, New
23 York. We know what it's like to be in a community
24 that is overpopulated; we're from Brooklyn. I'm also
25 a FedEx guy, and I have an interesting perspective,

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